ASSAULT OFFENSES AMENDMENTS
2015 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher
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LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill modifies the Utah Criminal Code regarding assault and related offenses.
Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
removes the reference to a threat accompanied by force or violence from the current
assault offense;
modifies the offense of aggravated assault to include as an element:
 the reference to a threat accompanied by force or violence;
 an attempt, with unlawful force or violence, to do bodily injury; or
• an act committed with unlawful force or violence that causes injury or creates a
substantial risk of injury; and
 modifies the offense of a threat of violence to include the element of a threat
accompanied by immediate force or violence to do bodily injury.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
None
Utah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
76-5-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 109



	76-5-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 193
	76-5-107, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 334
Be it	t enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	Section 1. Section 76-5-102 is amended to read:
	76-5-102. Assault Penalties.
	(1) Assault is:
	(a) an attempt, with unlawful force or violence, to do bodily injury to another; or
	[(b) a threat, accompanied by a show of immediate force or violence, to do bodily
injur	y to another; or]
	[(c)] (b) an act, committed with unlawful force or violence, that causes bodily injury to
anot	her or creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to another.
	(2) Assault is a class B misdemeanor.
	(3) Assault is a class A misdemeanor if:
	(a) the person causes substantial bodily injury to another; or
	(b) the victim is pregnant and the person has knowledge of the pregnancy.
	(4) It is not a defense against assault, that the accused caused serious bodily injury to
anotl	her.
	Section 2. Section 76-5-103 is amended to read:
	76-5-103. Aggravated assault Penalties.
	[(1) A person commits aggravated assault if the person commits assault as defined in
Secti	ion 76-5-102 and uses:]
	(1) Aggravated assault is an actor's conduct:
	(a) that is:
	(i) an attempt, with unlawful force or violence, to do bodily injury to another;
	(ii) a threat, accompanied by a show of immediate force or violence, to do bodily injury
to an	nother; or
	(iii) an act, committed with unlawful force or violence, that causes bodily injury to
anot	her or creates a substantial risk of bodily injury to another; and
	(b) that includes the use of:
	[(a)] (i) a dangerous weapon as defined in Section 76-1-601; or

59	[(b)] (ii) other means or force likely to produce death or serious bodily injury.
60	(2) (a) A violation of Subsection (1) is a third degree felony, except under Subsection
61	(2)(b).
62	(b) A violation of Subsection (1) that results in serious bodily injury is a second degree
63	felony.
64	Section 3. Section 76-5-107 is amended to read:
65	76-5-107. Threat of violence Penalty.
66	(1) A person commits a threat of violence if:
67	(a) the person threatens to commit any offense involving bodily injury, death, or
68	substantial property damage, and acts with intent to place a person in fear of imminent serious
69	bodily injury, substantial bodily injury, or death[-]; or
70	(b) the person makes a threat, accompanied by a show of immediate force or violence,
71	to do bodily injury to another.
72	(2) A violation of this section is a class B misdemeanor.
73	(3) It is not a defense under this section that the person did not attempt to or was
74	incapable of carrying out the threat.
75	(4) A threat under this section may be express or implied.
76	(5) A person who commits an offense under this section is subject to punishment for
77	that offense, in addition to any other offense committed, including the carrying out of the
78	threatened act.
79	(6) In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, a court shall order any person
80	convicted of any violation of this section to reimburse any federal, state, or local unit of
81	government, or any private business, organization, individual, or entity for all expenses and
82	losses incurred in responding to the violation, unless the court states on the record the reasons

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why the reimbursement would be inappropriate.

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